In the Claims

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A ligament shim for insertion into a bone tunnel, the ligament shim comprising:

a body having a first end and a second end, and an axis extending from the first end to the second end;

the first and second ends being substantially planar-and of substantially the same configuration in plan view, substantially the same size, and normal to the axis;

the first and second ends having a length and a central width, the length being longer than the central width;

at least a first surface and a second surface extending from the first end to the second end and substantially parallel to the axis;

at least the first surface being arc-shaped; and

a shim hole extending from the arc-shaped surface to the second surface, said the body being otherwise devoid of any further opening; and

two outwardly rounded surfaces extending from the first end to the second end.

- 15. (Currently amended) The ligament shim in accordance with claim 14 wherein said the first arc-shaped surface extends outwardly from the axis.
- 16. (Previously presented) The ligament shim in accordance with claim 15 wherein the second surface is a flat surface.
- 17. (Currently amended) The ligament shim in accordance with claim 16 wherein said the shim hole extends from a crest of said the first surface to the second surface.
- 18. (Currently amended) The A ligament shim in accordance with claim 14 for insertion into a bone tunnel, the ligament shim comprising:

a body having a first end and a second end, and an axis extending from the first end to the second end;

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the first and second ends being substantially planar;

the first and second ends having a length and a central width, the length being longer than the central width;

at least a first surface and a second surface extending from the first end to the second end and substantially parallel to the axis;

wherein said the first surface and the second surface are both arc-shaped surfaces and are opposed surfaces and extending inwardly toward each other; and a shim hole extending from the arc-shaped surface to the second surface, the body being otherwise devoid of any further opening.

19. (Canceled)

- 20. (Currently amended) The ligament shim in accordance with claim 14 wherein said the first surface and said the second surface are arc-shaped and opposed to each other, the first surface extending outwardly from the axis and the second surface extending inwardly toward the axis.
- 21. (Currently amended) The ligament shim in accordance with claim 20 wherein said the shim hole extends from a crest of the first surface to a mid-arc portion of the second surface.
- 22. (Previously presented) The ligament shim in accordance with claim 14 further comprising two substantially flat parallel surfaces extending from the first end to the second end.
- 23. (Currently amended) The ligament shim in accordance with claim 44 <u>18</u> further comprising two outwardly rounded surfaces extending from the first end to the second end.

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24-25. (Canceled)